

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A pressing device and a pressing method, wherein the method includes the
steps of accommodating a stacked layer structure in a recess in a die body, and
pressing the stacked layer structure in the recess of the die body between a bottom
plate of the die body that forms a bottom wall of the recess and a top die, while
laterally supporting sides or side walls of the die body that form side walls of the
recess. The pressing device includes a die body which is small, light, and easy to
10 handle, and also includes thrust mechanisms for laterally positioning the die body.
The thrust mechanisms also laterally support the side walls of the die body when a
stacked layer structure in the recess of the die body is pressed between the bottom
plate of the die body and a top die. The pressing method makes it possible to press a
ceramic stacked layer structure efficiently using the small and light die body.